

Appl. No. 10/028,748
Amdt. dated January 21, 2004
Reply to Office Action of December 29, 2003

PATENT

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

A restriction requirement was issued by the Examiner between the following two groups of claims:

Group I: claims 1-10, 12-19, 25-34, 36-43, and 49-53;

Group II: claims 54 and 55.


In response to this restriction requirement, Group I, claims 10, 12-19, 25-34, 36-43, and 49-53, has been elected without traverse. Group II is accordingly withdrawn without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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